

# Advocacy

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities helps to represent the interests of all people with I/DD and other disabilities in communities throughout California.

# Systems Change

SCDD works to change policies, supports, services and programs in California so that they are fully accessible to people with I/DD and other disabilities.

# Capacity-Building

The Council provides training, resources and technical assistance to help people with I/DD and other disabilities get the supports and services they need.

SCDD also provides training, resources and technical assistance to help professionals provide important supports and services to people with disabilities in California.

# Child Care

This is a service that is provided to parents for work or different reasons, such as going to medical appointments or taking care of other responsibilities inside or outside of the home. Child care for babies and very young children may be needed at any time. Child care for children in school may be needed before and/or after school hours.

# Early Intervention

This is a support that is usually given to babies and children (under the age of 3) who may have a disability or who have already been diagnosed with a disability.

Early intervention services may include occupational or physical therapy, behavioral supports, speech and language services, etc. There are other supports and services that may be available to children and families.

# Education

This includes instruction and all supports and services that are available through public school districts and special education programs in elementary, junior and/or high school. Education may also include private or charter schools, job training programs, junior colleges, and other colleges or universities.

# Employment

This may include volunteer work, internships, competitive, integrated employment, job training opportunities, job search efforts, and public unemployment benefits. Other types of employment supports may include information about starting savings accounts, filing taxes, knowing about public benefits, protecting workers' rights, etc.

# Formal & Informal Community Supports

These are supports and services that are available to all people in the community, even those who may not have I/DD. Some of these services may include public and/or private types of transportation, recreation programs, IHSS funding, etc. For children, adults and elders with I/DD, this would also include regional center services.



# Health

Healthcare services include programs that may provide insurance, diagnostic services, medical and dental care, mental health treatment, medications, medical equipment (such as wheelchairs, walkers, Hoyer lifts, oxygen tanks, hospital beds, etc.), and other supports to help people have healthy lives.

# Public Safety

These are programs that provide emergency response services, such as law enforcement officers, EMT/ambulance companies, 911 operators, fire and disaster response personnel, and other public safety workers.

# Housing

Housing may include rental assistance programs (such as Section 8 vouchers), the work of building and Fair Housing/Human Rights commissions, assisted and independent living services, and training programs that help people find housing and learn to live independently in communities of their choice.

Housing may also involve developing new types of homes and reducing barriers to getting affordable, accessible, safe housing in the community.

# Quality Assurance

This is the work that the Council does to make sure that people with I/DD and other disabilities have high-quality supports and services in their own communities of choice – just like everyone else.

# Recreation/Social programs

These are community-based services that offer healthy, fun social activities for everyone, including people with disabilities. These may include city or county recreation programs, school-based social programs, and community businesses that provide social and recreational opportunities (such as bowling, swimming, movies, etc.).

# Transportation

Transportation may be a public or private service. Bus systems are typically public services; taxi, Uber, Lyft, and other smaller transportation companies are often private, but they should be available and accessible to everyone. Other types of transportation may include trains, airlines, etc. The Council works to make sure that all transportation is accessible.

# Other

Sometimes, people with disabilities have needs in other areas than the ones we have talked about and the Council wants to be able to help. If you know about an area that has not been listed, please let someone on the Council know.